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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO MARCH 28, 2006 OFFICE ACTION

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Dear Sir:

This is submitted in response to an Office Action dated 28 March 2006, and is being submitted within two-months of the date of the Office Action, therefore no additional fees or extensions are necessary. Please amend the application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the "Listing of Claims" beginning on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 5 of this paper.